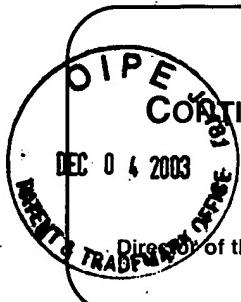


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1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114

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Amendment and Reply**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 29, 2003, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination and the required fee for the Request. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections for the reasons set out below.

Reply to the final office action mailed August 29, 2003 is due without extension Monday, December 1, 2003, as November 29, 2003 falls on a Saturday.